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**Regular Meeting  
1:00 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: May 20, 2010**

# Agenda

## **I. Opening (*Tab 1*)**

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Approval of Agenda**
- C. Approval of Minutes**
  - Work Session – March 18, 2010**
  - Regular Meeting – March 18, 2010**

## **II. Formal Public Comment**

Time has been allocated at the beginning of the meeting for individuals or groups to address the State Board on general issues. Prior to the meeting being called to order persons wishing to address the Board should sign up on the appropriate form giving their name and topic they will address. Individuals or groups wishing to address the Board on specific agenda items should so note on the sign up sheet. They will be called upon at that time on the agenda. Each group should choose one representative to speak and comments should be limited to five minutes. Speakers will be recognized by the Board President in the order their names appear. If a large number of people sign up to speak, the Board President may at his/her discretion, limit the number of persons allowed to speak.

**Please Note:** The Board is not able to respond to questions by or engage in a dialogue with those offering comments during the Board meeting. In addition, comments made on matters governed by specific procedures which establish a formal record cannot and will not be considered by the Board in making its decisions.

## **III. State Board Business**

- A. Reports/Discussions**
  - A.1 Committee Reports from State Board Members**
- B. Budget Items**
  - None.
- C. Other**
  - None.

#### **IV. Presentations (*Tab 2*)**

##### **A. State Board of Education**

None.

##### **B. Department of Education**

###### **B.1 Race to the Top (RTTT) – 15 minutes**

Secretary of Education Lillian Lowery will talk to the State Board of Education about Race to the Top and the next steps for implementation.

###### **B.2 World Language Teacher Certification Summit – 15 minutes**

*(Teaching and Learning Branch)*

This presentation will debrief the State Board of Education on the Delaware Department of Education's participation in the National World Language Teacher Certification Summit that took place in Arlington, VA in December 2009. This summit pulled together 25 states and the District of Columbia to weave a common vision for developing a linguistically and culturally competent citizenry—a priority set forth by the US Federal Government—and to develop recommendations and action plans on the national and state levels to address how to increase the number and effectiveness of world language teachers. This presentation will situate Delaware in the American landscape of world language learning and teacher capacity.

###### **B.3 Presentation of National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), State and National Results for Reading, January - March 2009 Administration - 15 minutes**

*(Teaching and Learning Branch)*

Dr. Patsy G. Kersteter, Education Associate, Accountability Resources, will present highlights of the State and National Results for Reading performance on the 2009 administration of the NAEP. These results will include assessments at grades 4 and 8.

**B.4 Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System (DCAS) Update  
– 15 Minutes**

*(Teaching and Learning Branch)*

Sylvia Gillpatrick, Education Associate, Adaptive Assessment will give an update on the new assessment program.

**C. Other Presentations**

None.

**D. Secretary's Report, Review and Discussion**

**V. Action Items**

**A. Department of Education Regulations *(Tab 3)***

**A.1 Regulation 107 Specialist Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II)  
(For Action)**

The Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 107 Specialist Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II). The amendments include an effective date and a cross reference to a new proposed regulation designed to replace this regulation with the 2011-2012 school year. Other technical amendments have been made.

**A.2 Regulation 107A Specialist Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised  
(For Action)**

The Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to adopt a new regulation 14 DE Admin. Code 107A Specialist Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised. This regulation will become effective July 1, 2011 and will replace 14 DE Admin. Code 107 Specialist Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II). The changes from the current specialist appraisal process include re-defining the Student Improvement component of DPAS II to require a showing of Student Growth. Changes were also made to the Summative Evaluation ratings, adding a new "Highly Effective" rating and amending the means of

determining the Summative rating. The amendments also change some of the appraisal cycles.

**B. Professional Standards Board (*Tab 5*)**

**B.1 Amend 1503 Educator Mentoring  
(For Discussion)**

The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education, seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend regulation DE Admin. Code 1503 Educator Mentoring. This regulation requires amendments to reflect recent changes in regulation DE Admin. Code 1511 Issuance and Renewal of Continuing License. In addition, amendments include allowing additional mentoring opportunities for employing authorities and clarity in the Department's responsibilities.

**B.2 Amend 1511 Issuance and Renewal of  
Continuing License  
(For Discussion)**

The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education, seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend regulation DE Admin. Code 1511 Issuance and Renewal of Continuing License. This regulation requires a minor amendment to clarify requirements for educators with expired Continuing Licenses.

**B.3 Amend 1582 School Nurse  
(For Discussion)**

The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education, seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend regulation DE Admin. Code 1582 School Nurse. This regulation requires some formatting changes to conform to other Standard Certificates, and the updating of certification requirements. This regulation sets forth the requirements for a School Nurse.

**C. Charter Schools (*Tab 7*)**

**C.1 Decision on an Application to open a New Charter: Delaware Institute of Technology  
(For Action)**

An application to open a new charter was submitted by the founding members of Delaware Institute of Technology. The applicant is seeking approval to open a charter school in New Castle County serving 180 students in grades 9 and 10 and expanding to 510 students in grades 9 -12 by the fourth year of operation. The Charter School Accountability Committee has issued its report on the application. A public hearing on the application is scheduled for April 5, 2010.

The Secretary will make her recommendation with respect to the application.

**C.2 Decision on an Application to open a New Charter: First State Montessori Academy  
(For Action)**

An application to open a new charter was submitted by the founding members of First State Montessori Academy. The applicant is seeking approval to open a charter school in New Castle County serving 200 students in grades 6 and 7 and expanding to 500 students in grades 6-10 by the fourth year of operation. The Charter School Accountability Committee has issued its report on the application. A public hearing on the application is scheduled for April 5, 2010.

The Secretary will make her recommendation with respect to the application.

**C.3 Decision on an Application to open a New Charter: Odyssey Charter School  
(For Action)**

An application to open a new charter was submitted by the founding members of Odyssey Charter School. The applicant is seeking approval to open a charter school in New Castle County serving 660 students in grades K-6 and expanding to 1,140 students in grades K-9 by the fourth year of operation. The Charter School Accountability Committee has issued its report on the application. A public hearing on the application is scheduled for April 5, 2010.

The Secretary will make her recommendations with respect to the application.

**C.4 Application to Modify an Existing Charter: Family Foundations Academy  
(For Action)**

This school's Board of Directors has submitted an Application to Modify the school's charter seeking approval to include kindergarten, sixth, seventh and eighth grade, increase enrollment, and add building to current school site. The Charter School Accountability Committee has issued its report on the application. A public hearing on the application was held on March 26, 2010.

The Secretary will make her recommendation with respect to the application.

**C.5 Progress on Conditions Placed on Academy of Dover Charter School  
(For Information)**

Academy of Dover Charter School was placed on probation at the October 23, 2008 State Board meeting. A monthly report continues to be presented to the Board as to the progress the school is making to meet conditions placed on the charter.

**C.6 Charter Schools Update  
(For Information)**

The monthly update on charter schools is attached.

**D. Other Action Items (*Tab 8*)**

None.

**E. Appeals and Reviews (*Tab 9*)**

**E.1 B.B. v. Smyrna School District Board of Education (2010-03)  
(For Information)**

Notice is given that this appeal was received by the Executive Secretary on behalf of the State Board of Education on March 16, 2010, who in accordance with prior authorization by the State Board appointed Dr. Lois Hobbs on March 25, 2010 to act as the hearing officer.

**VI. Information Items (*Tab 10*)**

**A. Regulation 731 School Food Service Employees  
(For Information)**

The Secretary of Education intends to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 731 School Food Service Employees. The regulation was reviewed pursuant to the five-year review cycle. The amendments were limited to formatting only.

**B. Regulation 733 Payment of Substitutes for Teachers  
(For Information)**

The Secretary of Education intends to reauthorize 14 DE Admin. Code 733 Payment of Substitutes for Teachers with no changes. This was reviewed as part of the five-year review cycle.

NOTE: During the course of this meeting, the State Board of Education may enter into Executive Session to consider strategy with respect to pending and potential litigation or with respect to personnel issues. The State Board may also take breaks.

The times designated on the agenda are approximate and are listed for administrative purposes only. The State Board reserves the right, pursuant to Section 10004(e) of the Freedom of Information Act, to hear any matter out of its order during the meeting.